

Jan, with her RN degree from San Jose Hospital, worked in hospitals in San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles, and then took a respite from nursing following the birth of Jeanne—followed by Cammie, Maureen and Jill over the next six years.

Ed graduated from Cal Poly and went on to a post-graduate Coro Foundation fellowship in public affairs, served as state director of the California GOP and worked in Republican political campaigns throughout California for most of the 1960s.

Once life had mellowed a bit, and the children were in school, a different path opened and the Slevin family joined the Peace Corps. 1969 saw them moving to Western Samoa where Ed was country director to 55 volunteers while Jan volunteered teaching community health and homemaking projects around the island.

A promotion to Peace Corps country director in Malaysia led the family to Kuala Lumpur and an 18-month stint before relocating to Washington DC. Jan resumed her nursing as a specialist in infection control gaining post-graduate status at the Washington Hospital Center. Ed continued with Peace Corps as a regional director for 22 countries in North Africa, near East, Asia and the Pacific.

1976 saw the Slevin's return to Novato; Jan to nursing at Novato Community Hospital and Ed re-opening his political consulting business and launching Western Polling and Research, a partnership specializing in public affairs. Jan's nursing work coincided with four teenage daughters while also earning a science degree from St. Mary's College.

But then the tug of international development work struck again. Jan and Ed went off to the Philippines in 1984 with Peace Corps, where Ed directed a contingent of 350 volunteers. Jan began four years of community health work throughout the poverty stricken barrios of Manila establishing baby clinics and organizing privileged Filipinos to join her quest for improving the life of their country folk.

1988 saw them again return to Washington and the Peace Corps headquarters; Ed as an associate director of volunteer recruitment and selection; Jan leading the medical division's health clearance and pre-departure health briefing for volunteer service.

Ed then went to Capitol Hill as executive director to the House Republican Conference under the leadership of Conference Chairman Congressman JERRY LEWIS and then on to serve as Chief of Staff to Congressman KEN CALVERT.

Ten years ago this traveling couple came home. Home to their beloved grandchildren Cameron, Mikaela, Brian, Nathan, Jana and Casey—and their daughters. Home to their family, relatives and friends.

And yet they spent their life always being home.

Regardless of their address, the constant in their life has been not only their commitment to help improve and contribute to the life of others but to each other. These past 50 years reflects the love and respect Jan and Ed have for each other. They have been and will always be lifelong partners, lovers, friends and adventurers.

And for this we salute them.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RECIPIENT ELIZABETH BREAZILE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the successes and achievements of Elizabeth Breazile, who has received the Congressional Certificate of Merit award at Stony Point High School in Round Rock, Texas. Elizabeth has shown exceptional leadership qualities through her involvement in numerous activities which makes her a great candidate for this award.

Elizabeth is very involved in theatre at her school and has had 9 performances in 2 years. She also is involved in film productions and has been in Pre-AP and Advanced Placement courses all 4 years of high school.

I congratulate Elizabeth Breazile for her achievements in school and in her community and am proud to represent such talented and dedicated people in the 31st District of Texas.

EARMARK-DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit to the House an explanation and justification of this funding in an effort to provide as much public disclosure and transparency as possible on congressionally directed funding and earmarks. I hereby submit the following information on a project I requested and the House Armed Services Committee included in H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Department of Energy (DOE); Other.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Department of Energy.

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Description of Project: The \$10 million programmatic increase provided for in the bill will be used for the U.S. Department of Energy's Environmental Management program at the Hanford Site located in Washington state in Fiscal Year 2009. The federal government has a legal and moral obligation to cleanup the massive wastes and contamination it created at Hanford during the Manhattan Project, World War II and the Cold War. The over-500-square-mile Hanford site is the world's largest and most complex environmental cleanup project, and the federal government must keep its commitment to clean it up. No matching funds are required.

2008 KANSAS MAYOR OF THE YEAR LAURA MCCONWELL OF MISSION, KS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mission, Kansas, Mayor Laura McConwell, who recently was named "Kansas Mayor of the Year" by the Kansas Mayors Association.

The Mayor of the Year award is based on leadership and contributions by the nominee in promoting intergovernmental relations and the impact of the nominee on his or her community and its citizens. Mayor McConwell is one of only a few Johnson County mayors to ever receive this honor.

Laura McConwell has served as the City of Mission's mayor since 2002. During her tenure as mayor, she has provided thoughtful leadership for the city in extensive redevelopment projects, stormwater remediation, and infrastructure planning and maintenance, all accomplished through energizing citizens and businesses through public processes. Mayor McConwell has also been a leader in the Kansas City areas in promoting sustainability issues not only in Mission, but throughout the region. She spearheaded the Kansas City Area Mayors Sustainability and Climate Protection Conference in November 2007, which set the national record for the most mayors to sign the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement for a region in a single day.

Currently, Mayor McConwell is active in a variety of community and professional associations, including: Vice Chair of the Johnson/Wyandotte Counties Council of Mayors; Co-chair, Mid America Regional Council First Suburbs Coalition; Vice-chair, National League of Cities First Tier Suburbs Steering Committee; National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Steering Committee; Leadership Kansas Class of 2008; Shawnee Mission School District Committee for Excellence; United Community Services Board Member; Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce; Shawnee Mission North Parent Teacher Student Association; and Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, I know that all members of the House of Representatives join with me in commending Mayor Laura McConwell on this well deserved recognition. I am proud to have her as a constituent in the Third Congressional District of Kansas and I am proud to represent the City of Mission and all other communities within our congressional district.

VETERANS BILLS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, next Monday our Nation celebrates Memorial Day. This holiday commemorates those members of the Armed Services that have died while serving our country. There is no better way to honor those fallen soldiers